

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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September 9, 2019

**Re: Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc., 2020 Distribution Rate Adjustment Application  
(EB-2019-0059)  
Pollution Probe Request for Intervenor Status and Eligibility for Cost Awards**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Pollution Probe applies for Intervenor status in the EB-2019-0059 Oakville Hydro 2020 proceeding noted above and requests that it be eligible for the recovery of the costs for its participation. Pollution Probe supports the utility's request for a written hearing as this appears to be the most appropriate and cost-effective option.

**About Pollution Probe**

Since 1969, Pollution Probe is a recognised leader in defining progress through policy development and intervention, research, awareness, education and pressing for practical balanced solutions in a collaborative manner. Now in its 50th year, Pollution Probe continues to be relied upon by consumers, industry, regulators and governments at all levels for creating balanced and practical solutions to consumer and environmental issues through our evidence-based collaborative approach.

Pollution Probe represents the interests of its members and consumers and collaborates with partners in the non-profit sector, industry, municipal, provincial and federal policy makers. Pollution Probe is a leader in working with communities, industry and other relevant stakeholders to increase the efficiency of utility/community planning to protect consumers, the environment and better support the transition in the energy system.

**Goals and Objectives**

Pollution Probe proposes to participate with a focus on distribution system costs, LRAM and the distribution system plan, particularly given that significant system planning assumptions and policy changes have occurred since the plan was produced by the utility. These issues represent a significant cost to consumers and impact efficient distribution planning for the utility and the community it serves.

### **Intention to Seek Cost Awards**

Pollution Probe is a not-for-profit charitable organization. We receive individual donations as well as funding for individual research projects, such as consumer workshops, EVs, future of energy in a low carbon energy system and regulated utility innovation, from a variety of public and private sources. Without the prospect of an award of costs, Pollution Probe's ability to participate in the consultation process would be very limited.

Pollution Probe has been an active and valuable participant in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board and will continue to coordinate its activities, where appropriate, with other parties.

Pollution Probe respectfully requests Intervenor status and confirmation that it will be eligible for its costs.

### **Notice**

Pollution Probe requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pollution Probe.

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